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### Recruitment (Recrutare)

1. In the fall of each year, male youths who have attained the age of 19 are ordered to report to the Military Commissariats (Comisariate Militare) of the Raions (administrative divisions) in whose area they reside. The Military Commissariats are still frequently referred to by the population by their former name, i.e., Recruiting Center (Cerc de Recrutare). The youths receive through the mail individual orders to report to the Military Commissariats. The orders include the date and time when they should report. 25X1
2. When they report to the Military Commissariats, the youths who have been admitted to universities present certificates issued by the universities which they attend and are deferred every year until the completion of their studies. The others are given a physical examination and fill out detailed questionnaires on their social origin, their parents' background, on their trades or employment, etc. This data enables the Military Commissariats to decide which youths have a "healthy social origin" and can be admitted to serve in the various branches of the armed forces and also signifies the branch of service to which they can be assigned in view of their trades, aptitudes or employment. Those who own land or whose parents owned or still own land in excess of a certain area, or who come from families of intellectuals, former businessmen, industrialists, etc., are considered to have an "unhealthy social origin" and are barred from service in the armed forces.
3. university students may have to take military training for at least one month during at least one summer vacation during their deferment period. 25X1
4. Compulsory education lasts seven years (grammar and elementary), from the age of seven through thirteen. Secondary education (invatamantul mediu), which lasts four years and ends with the baccalaureate examination and

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diploma, is from the age of fourteen through seventeen. The secondary education is not obligatory. In fact it is quite the opposite: it is considered the privilege of those who are judged to have a "healthy social origin" and frequently those who have obtained good results in their Party work. The others, both boys and girls, are barred from it.

#### Induction (Incorporare)

5. In the month of November of the year following their recruitment, the men who have attained the age of 20 are ordered to report for induction to the same Military Commissariats where they had reported for recruitment. This is done through orders mailed to them, in which they are informed of the date and time when they must report to the Military Commissariats, and it is so planned that the men report in alphabetical order.
6. At the Military Commissariats, after routine processing, the inductees are turned over to delegates of the various arms of the service who send them (usually escorted by NCO's) to their units (generally regiments) to which they have been assigned. Those who are considered to have an "unhealthy social origin" are assigned to the Labor Corps.
7. From the time of their induction in November, until 30 December of the same year, the inductees spend a period of acclimatization at their units. During this period they are not issued nor do they handle any weapons of any kind. On 30 December, the inductees take the oath following which they are considered "regular soldiers" and begin their training. The complete training period for privates lasts six months.

#### Period of Service

8. The period of service in all branches of the armed forces is three years, with the sole exception of embarked seamen (i.e., seamen serving on naval vessels), whose period of service is four years.
9. [ ] the duration of the service in the Labor Corps is also three years. They have no information on the period of service of the Interior Ministry troops, i.e., the Frontier Guards, the Militia, and the Securitate.

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#### Classes under Arms

10. Serving at present are year classes 1954, 1955, and 1956; in the Navy, including seamen embarked on naval vessels, also class 1953.

#### Promotions

11. During their compulsory military service, the men belong to what is known as the Corps of Conscripted Troops (Corpul Militarilor in Termen). During this period, those who qualify can be promoted successively to:
  - a. Fruntas (Private First Class)
  - b. Caporal (Corporal)
  - c. Sergeant (Sergeant)
  - d. Sergeant Major (Sergeant Major)
  - e. Plutonier (Highest NCO)
12. After discharge, those who hold the ranks of Caporal through Plutonier in the Corps of Conscripted Troops may re-enlist for periods of three

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years and are then considered to belong to the Sergeants' Corps (Corpul Sergentilor). These are the regular NCO's of the armed forces, except the Navy.

13. In the Navy, the ranks of the Corps of Conscripted Troops are:

- a. Matroz (Seaman)
- b. Matroz Major
- c. Cartnic
- d. Cartnic Sef
- e. Miciman (Highest rank of Naval NCO)

These ranks were taken from the Soviet Navy. Those holding the ranks of Cartnic through Miciman may reenlist for periods of three years and are then considered to belong to Corpul Cartnicilor (equivalent to Sergeants' Corps in the other arms of service).

Furloughs

- 14. The conscripted troops receive their first regular furloughs of twenty days after two years of service. During the first two years, those whose performance is considered outstanding in their military or political activities are granted special ten-day furloughs.
- 15. The conscripted troops in the Labor Corps who work well are given two to three months' furloughs every six months to one year.

Officers' Schools

- 16. The male youths who have passed their baccalaureate examination and wish to become officers must report to the Military Commissariats of the Raions on whose area they reside. If they can prove that they have a "healthy social origin", their application to attend an officers' school is taken into consideration. At this stage the applicants must fill out numerous forms and submit a complete and detailed autobiography.
- 17. For admission to the officers' schools, priority is given to those who are outstanding or regular UTM (Union of Working Youth) members. The Military Commissariats gather (possibly through the Securitate) biographical and background information on them and check it against their autobiographies and prepare complete files on them. If no derogatory information of any kind turns up during their investigation, the youths are called up in January, when they must report to the Military Commissariats.
- 18. There, delegates from the various schools take them over and send or escort them to their schools. The applicants' choice regarding the branch of service is taken into consideration whenever possible. However, an applicant for an officers' school of a certain arm of service cannot refuse to attend the school of another arm to which he has been assigned. After the candidates reach the schools, they take entrance examinations which last between fifteen and twenty days. Those who fail the entrance examinations must serve in the Corps of Conscripted Troops.

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19. The duration of officers' schools for all arms of service is three years, except the Naval School which is four years. [redacted] rumors, [redacted] according to which the duration of the Air Force schools for flying officers would be increased from three to four years.

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Release

20. The conscripted troops of all ranks are released between 15 and 20 October, approximately two weeks before the induction of the new class.

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